

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
STAFF NOTE

Review Item:

Alternative Education Program Regulation (new regulation under separate cover, assignment of regulation number pending)

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

KRS 156.070, KRS 156.160

History/Background:

Existing Policy. The vision of the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) is to make sure every child graduates high school proficient and prepared for success, college- and career-ready. In order to reach this goal for all students, focus must be put on alternative education programs.

During the 2011 regular session, HB 225 included provisions on raising the compulsory school age attendance from 16 to 18 and providing regulatory review for alternative education. While the legislation did not pass, KDE is moving forward with recommending that the KBE promulgate a regulation to provide a better framework for local districts to tackle issues surrounding alternative education programming.

The regulation (under separate cover) includes a definition for alternative education programs, preliminary data to be tracked by local districts and how districts will catalogue expenditures.

Impact on Getting to Proficiency:

In order for all students to be proficient and prepared for success, we need to enhance alternative education programs throughout the state so that the needs of all students can be met.

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